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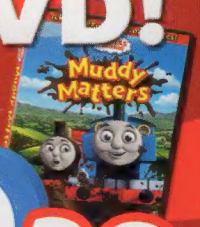

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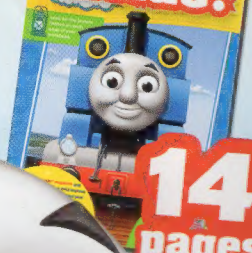

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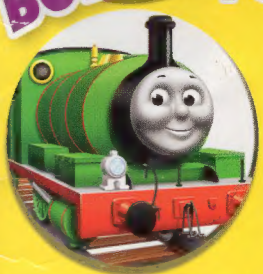

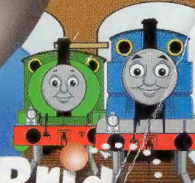

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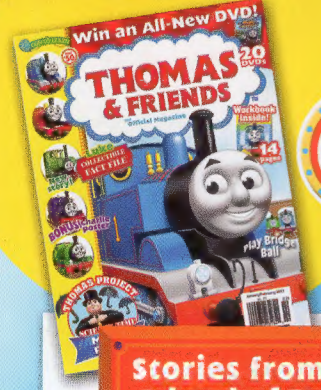

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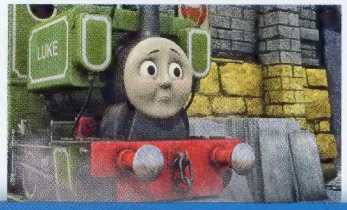

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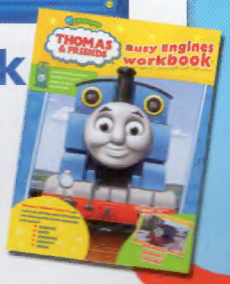

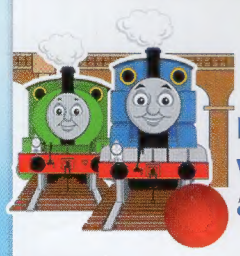

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Early Bird

It's going to be a busy morning for Thomas!

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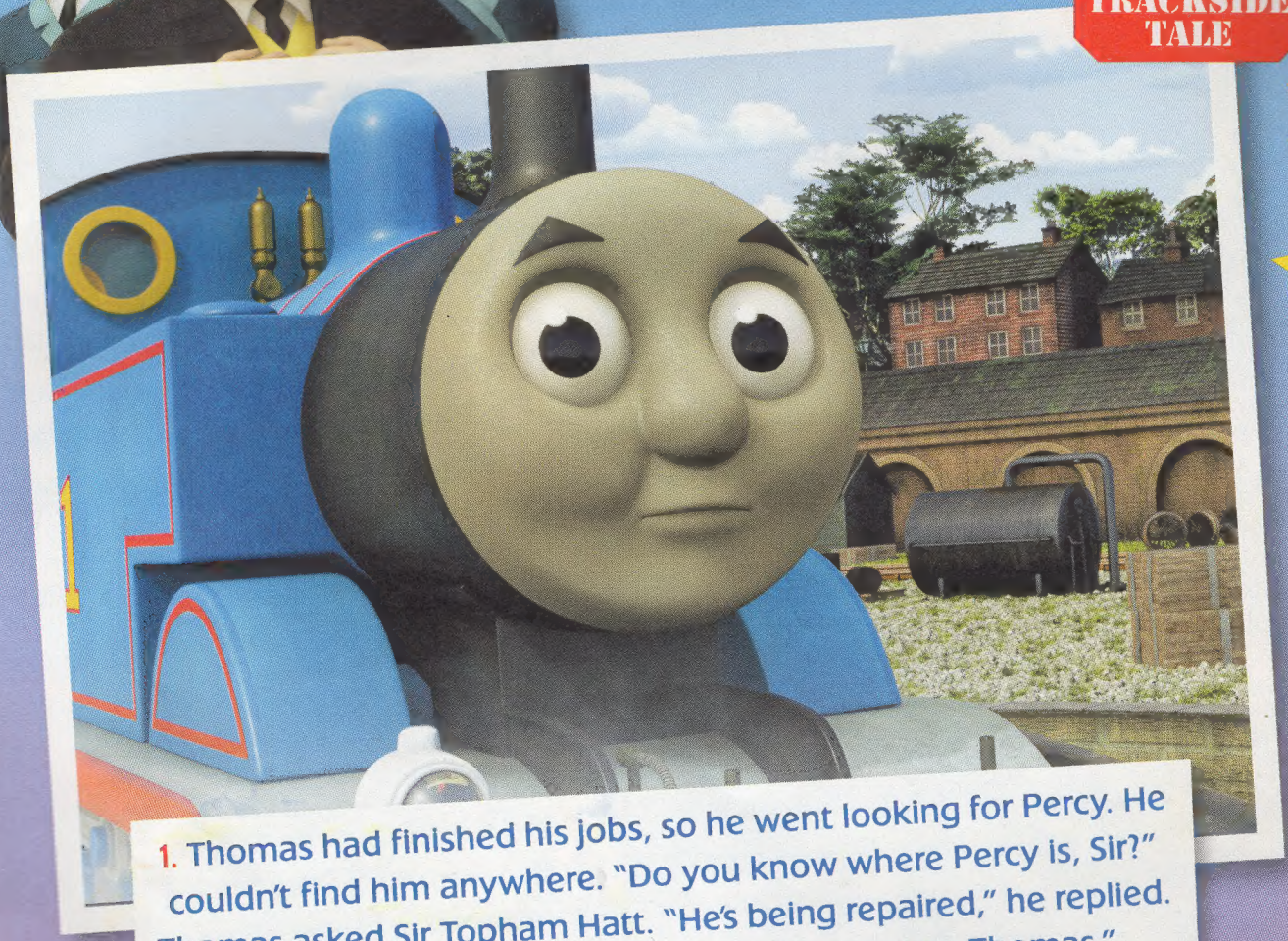
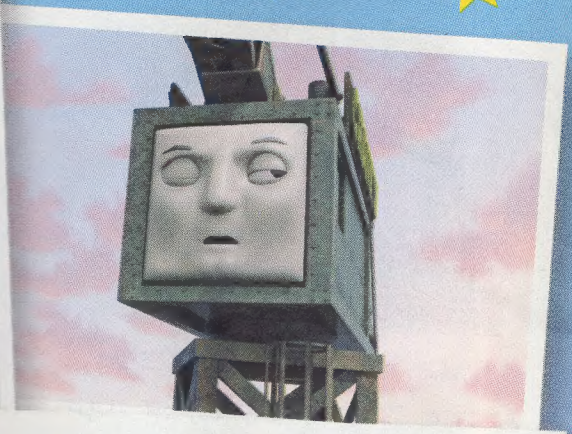


1. Thomas had finished his jobs, so he went looking for Percy. He couldn't find him anywhere. "Do you know where Percy is, Sir?" Thomas asked Sir Topham Hatt. "He's being repaired," he replied.

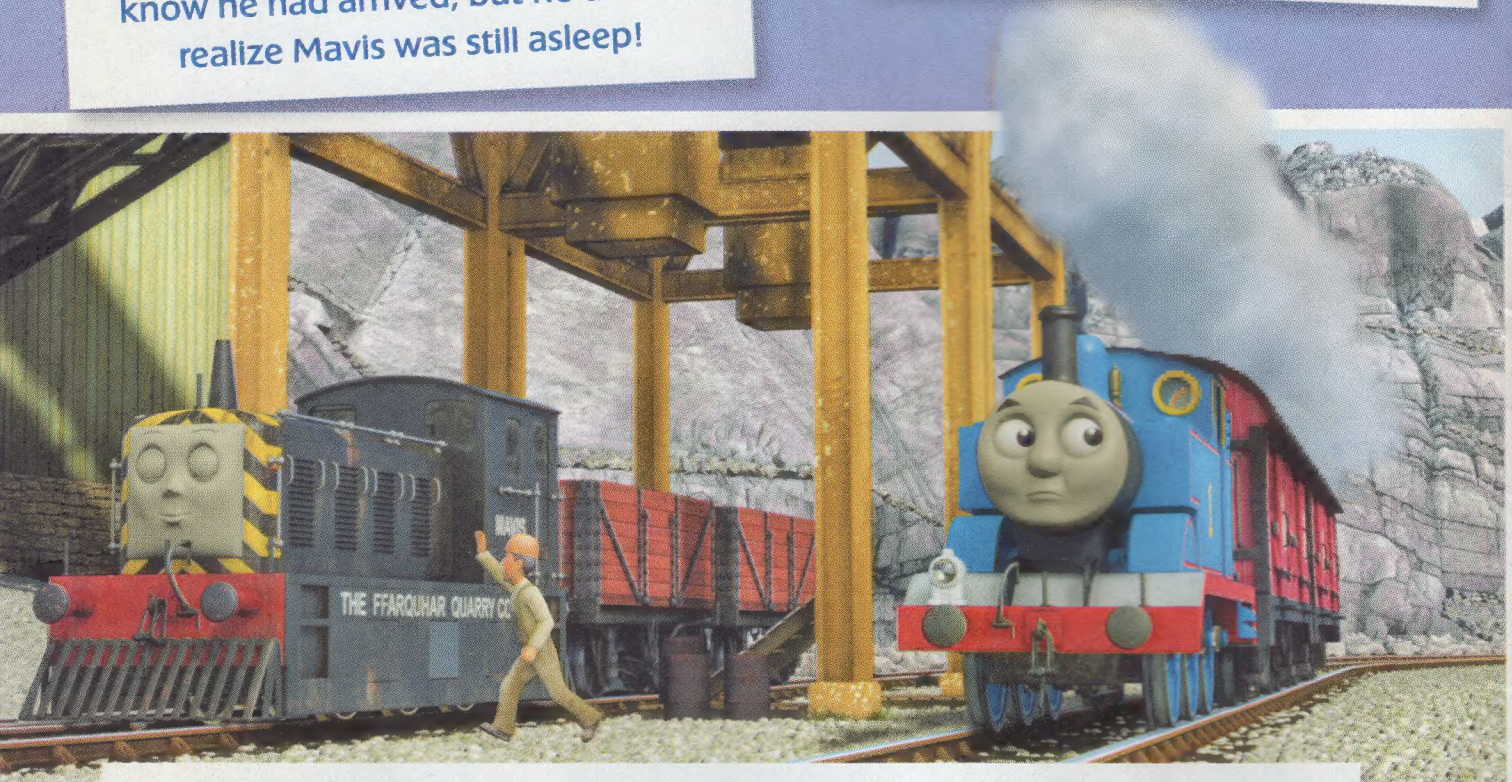
"So, you will have to deliver the mail tomorrow, Thomas."

2. The next day Thomas was up very early. Thomas felt very excited about his new job!

3. Thomas' first stop was the Quarry. He peeped loudly to let everyone know he had arrived, but he did not realize Mavis was still asleep!



4. At the Docks, Thomas peeped even louder to signal his arrival. This time, he woke up Cranky. It made Cranky very... cranky!

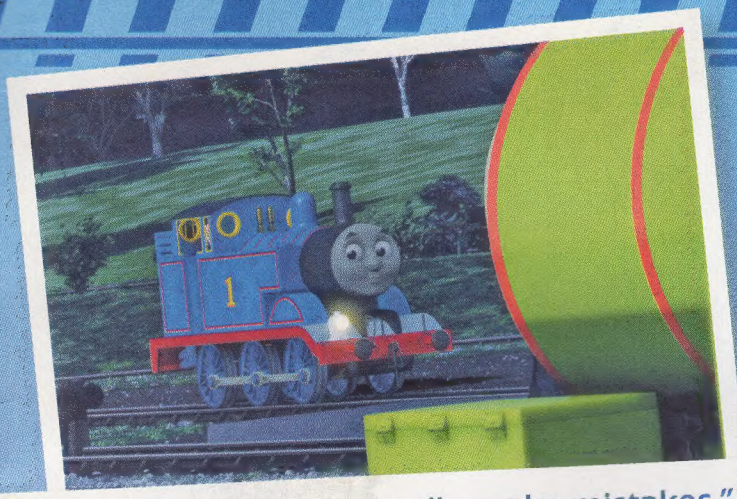


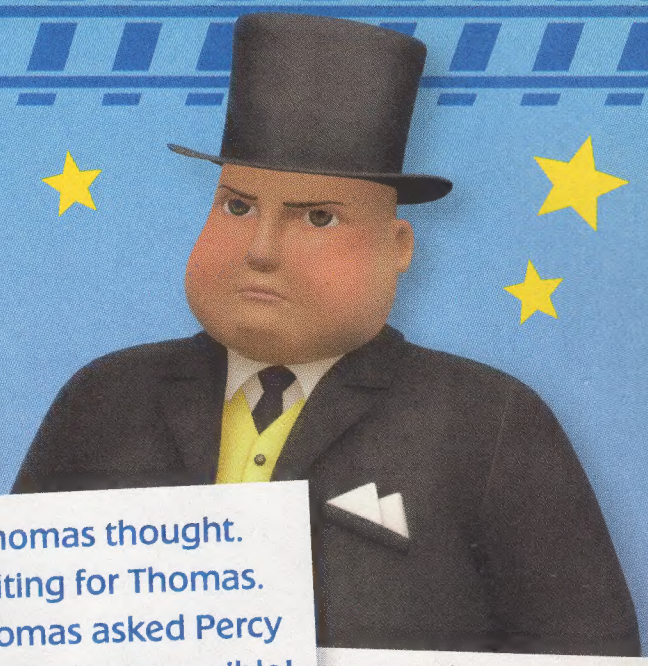
5. Later that day, Thomas puffed back to the Quarry. One of the workmen was shouting, "STOP!" Mavis hadn't lined up her trucks properly under the hopper. Pieces of slate were everywhere! Thomas was surprised!

Circle True or False

Percy could not deliver the mail because he was being repaired. TRUE FALSE

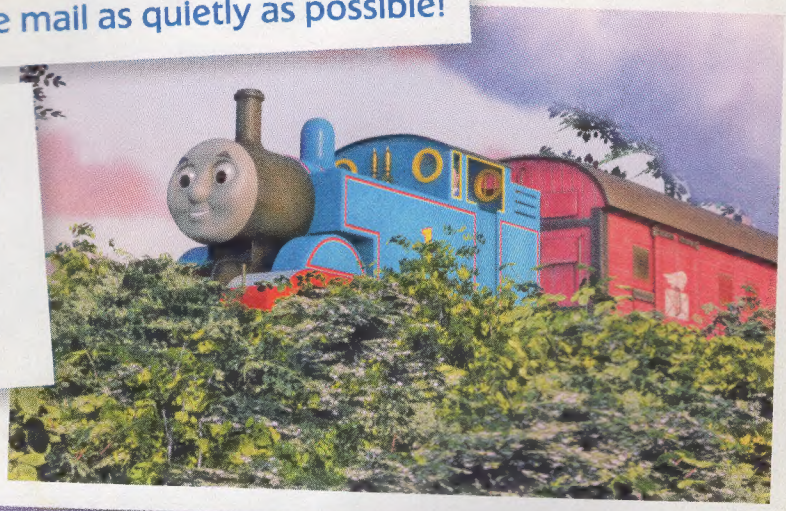
Thomas did not wake up Cranky. TRUE FALSE

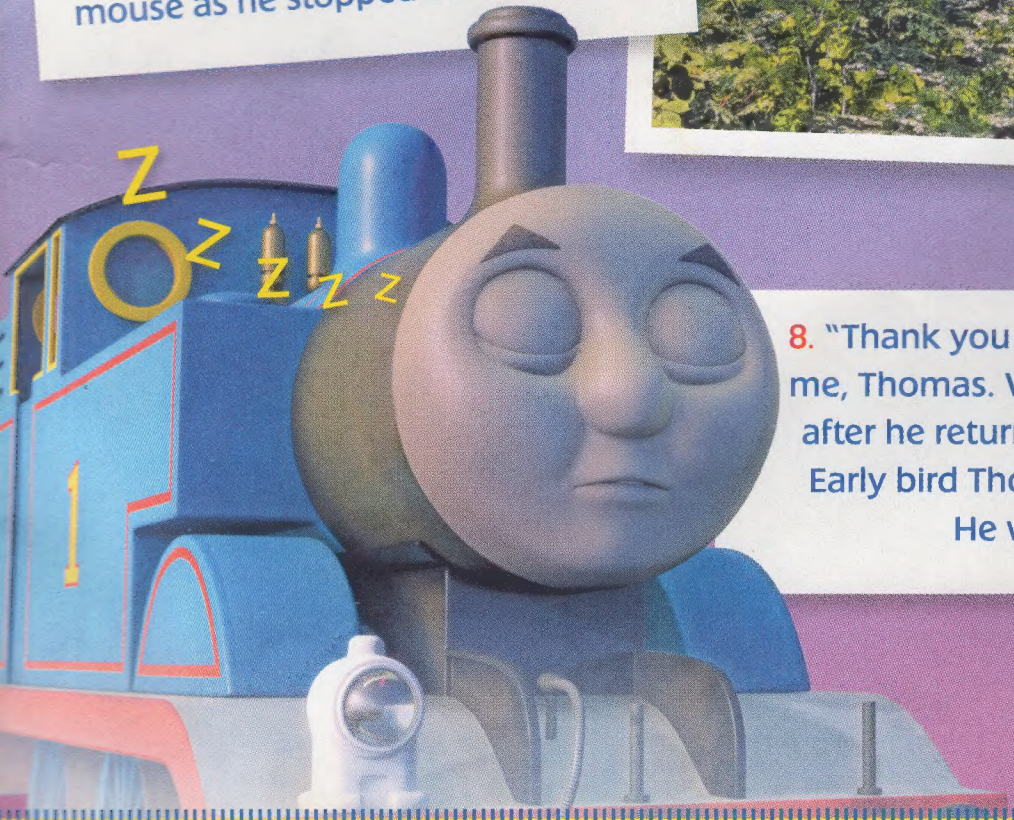




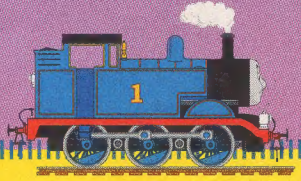
6. "Mavis does not usually make mistakes," Thomas thought. At the Engine Sheds, Sir Topham Hatt was waiting for Thomas. "Everyone is too tired to work!" he boomed. Thomas asked Percy for advice. Percy told him to deliver the mail as quietly as possible!

7. The next morning, Thomas set off very early again to complete his mail rounds. This time, he didn't peep his whistle once. He was as quiet as a mouse as he stopped at each place.





8. "Thank you for delivering the mail for me, Thomas. Well done!" peeped Percy after he returned from being repaired. Early bird Thomas did not hear Percy. He was fast asleep!

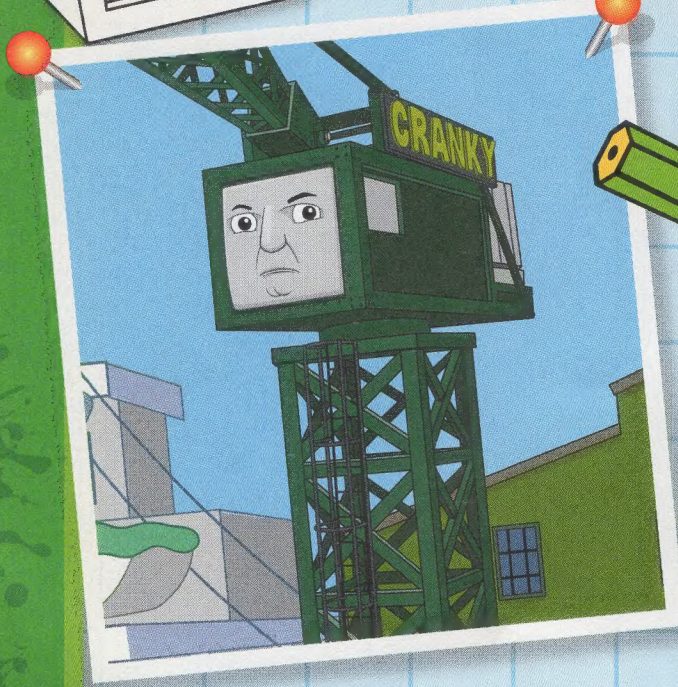


Mavis' trucks were not lined up.
TRUE FALSE

Sir Topham Hatt was very upset with Thomas.
TRUE FALSE

Color Cranky

Use the little picture as a guide to color Cranky.



Cranky dropped some crates while he was loading a boat. How many can you count?

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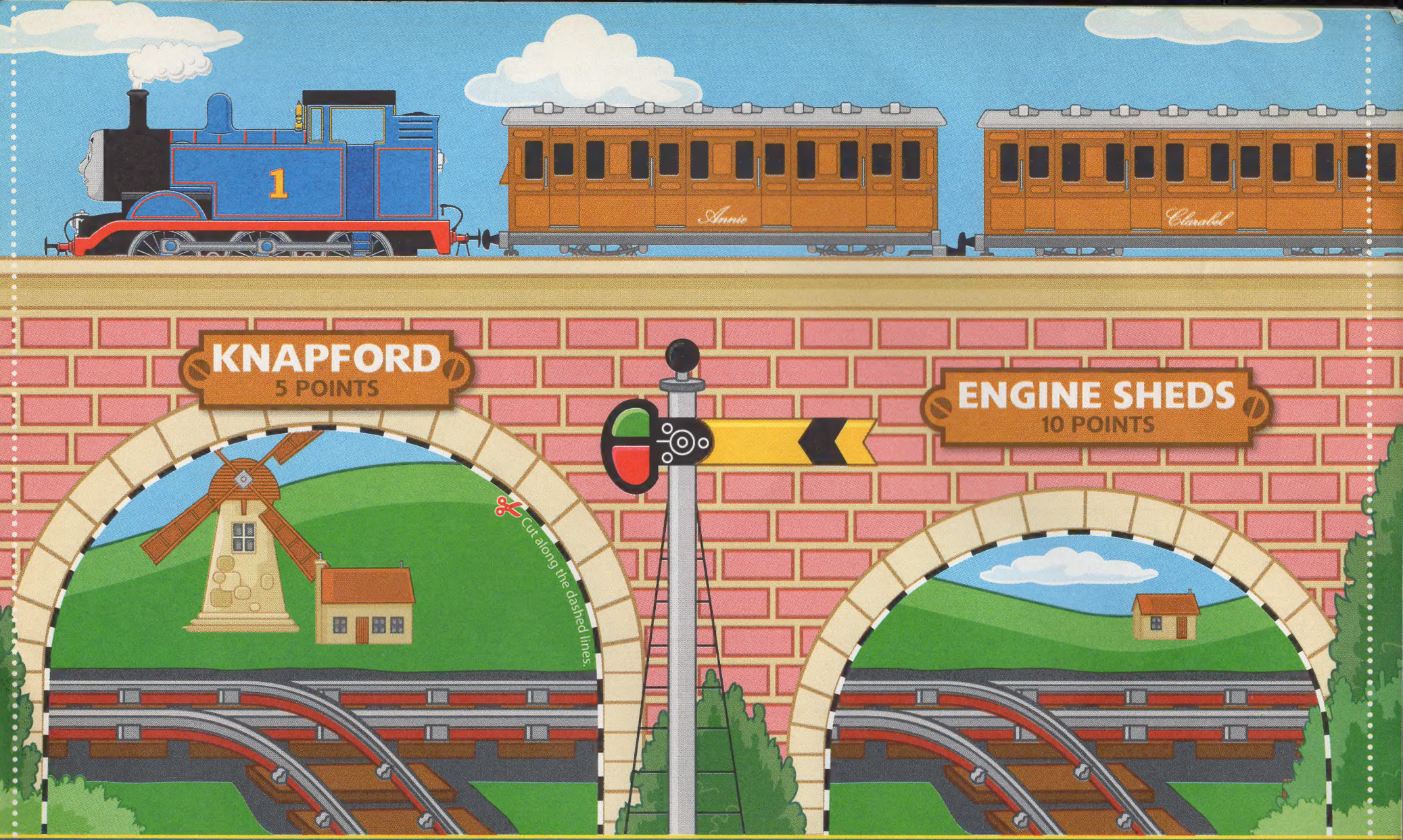
Write the number in the box.



BRIDGE BALL

Instructions:

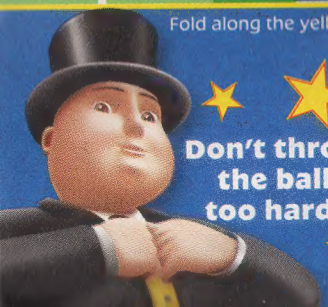
1. Carefully cut out this page and the spaces underneath the bridge. There are 2 scenes to pick from. You'll need a small ball or marble that will fit through the tunnels.

Fold along the yellow line.

2. Fold the page along the yellow line, then tape a piece of sturdy cardboard to the folded bottom.

Ask an adult for help.

Fold along the yellow line.



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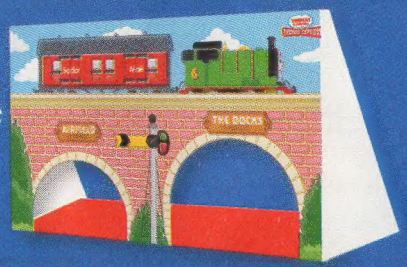

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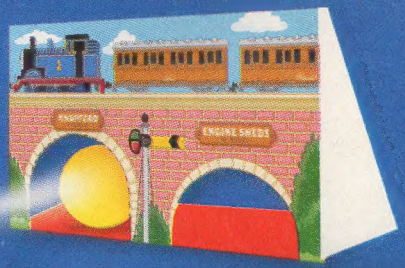

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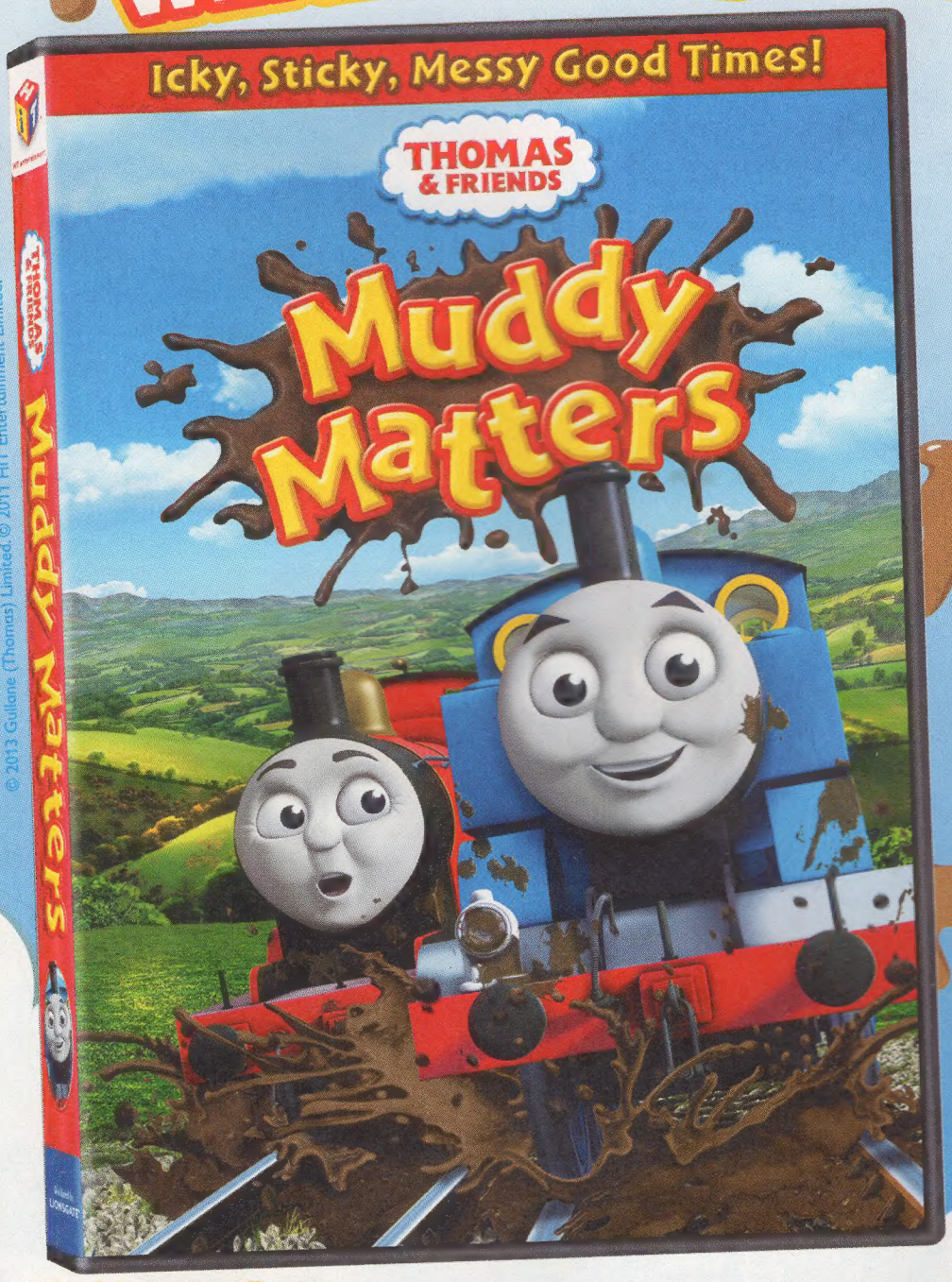

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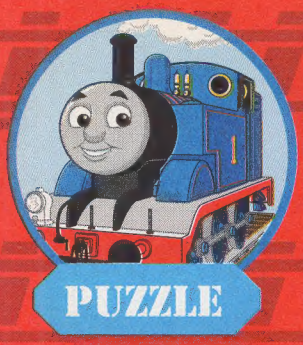
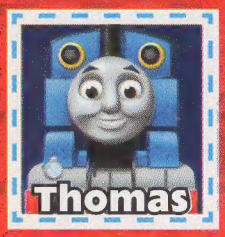
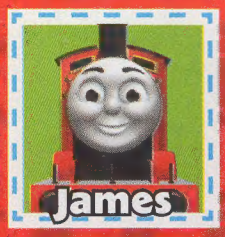


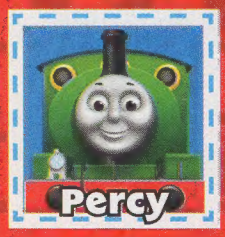
PUZZLE

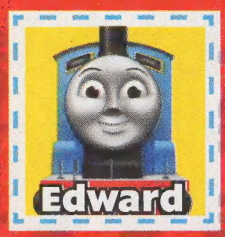
A Busy Week!

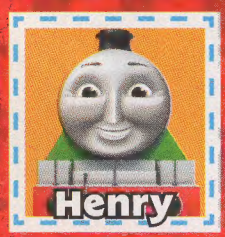
Sir Topham Hatt has jobs for these engines each day of the week. Help match the job by cutting out the engines and gluing them into the correct blue boxes.

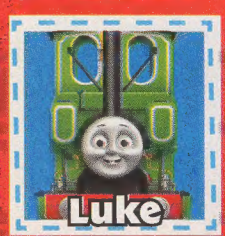


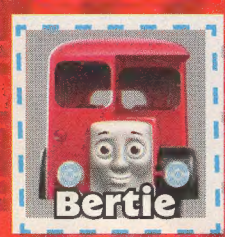












Monday

Bring passengers to Maithwaite Station. Bertie

Glue engine here.

Tuesday

Collect coal from the Quarry. Henry

Glue engine here.

Wednesday

Bring passengers to the Winter Festival. Edward

Glue engine here.

Thursday

Help deliver mail around Sodor. Percy

Glue engine here.

Friday

Get your paintwork cleaned at the washdown. James

Glue engine here.

Saturday

Take passengers to Bertie after their tour of Sodor. Thomas

Glue engine here.

Sunday

Help bring supplies to the Blue Mountain Quarry. Luke

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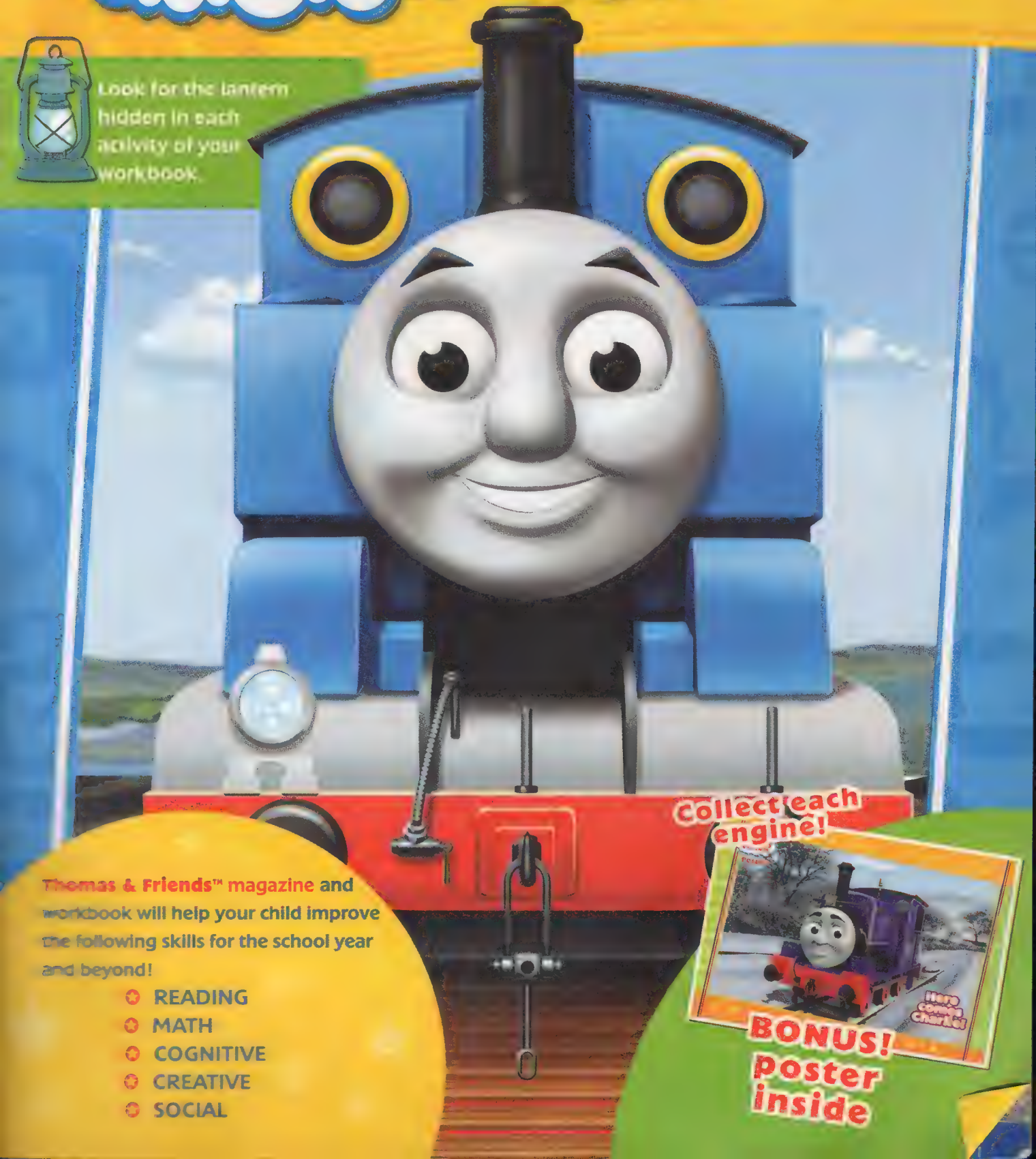
Busy Engines workbook

Look for the lantern hidden in each activity of your workbook.



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Collect each engine!

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Count

1 2 3 4 5

Thomas is busy collecting things to bring to the sheds. Help him count them!

Circle the two groups of flags that add up to 5.

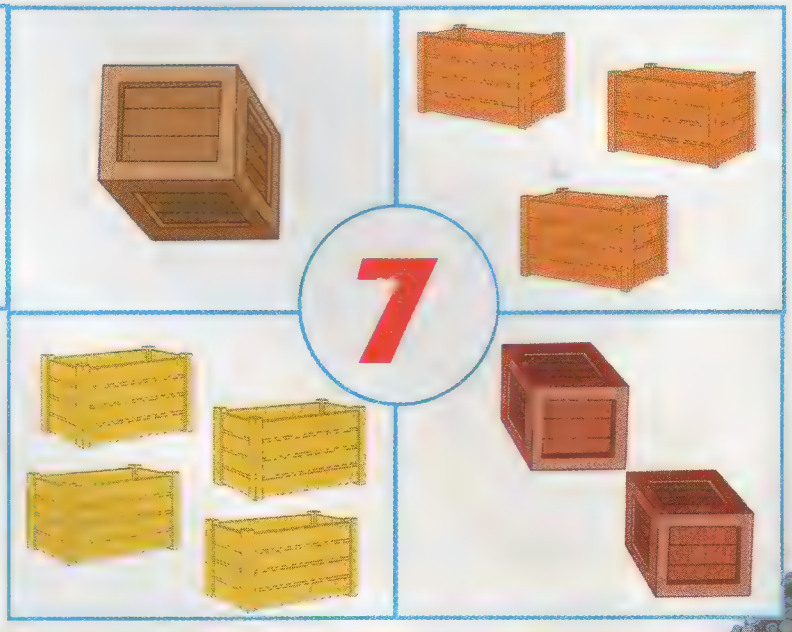
How many flags are there altogether?

Write the number in the box.

Circle the two groups of crates that add up to 7.

How many crates are there altogether?

Write the number in the box.



Count how many milk cans Thomas has to collect.

Write the number in the box.

Parent Note
Counting helps develop math skills and number recognition.

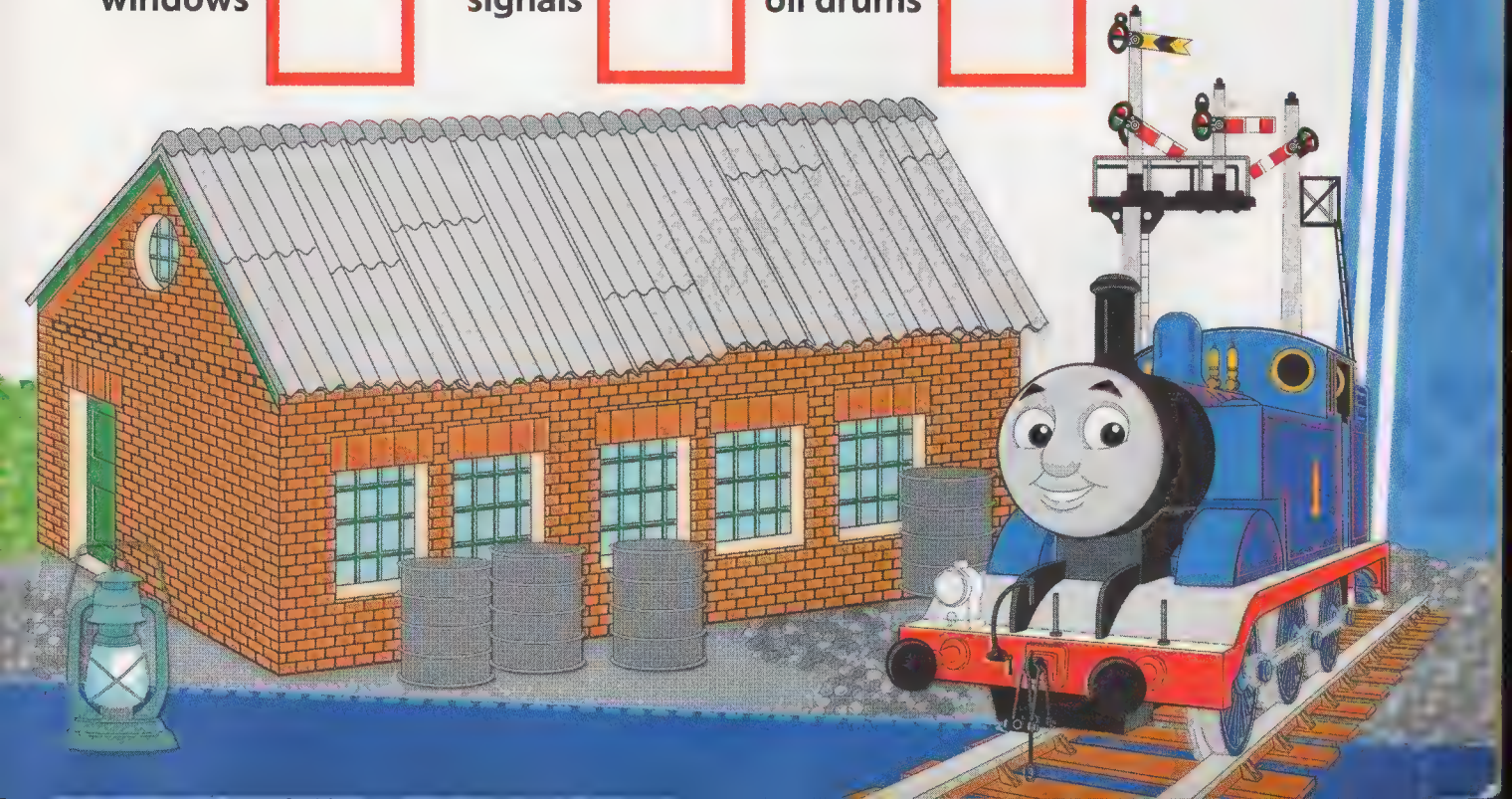
Count the things in each yellow space and trace over the correct number below each group.

6 8 7

4 6 5

Thomas is back at the sheds! Count these things for him.

windows ☐ signals ☐ oil drums ☐



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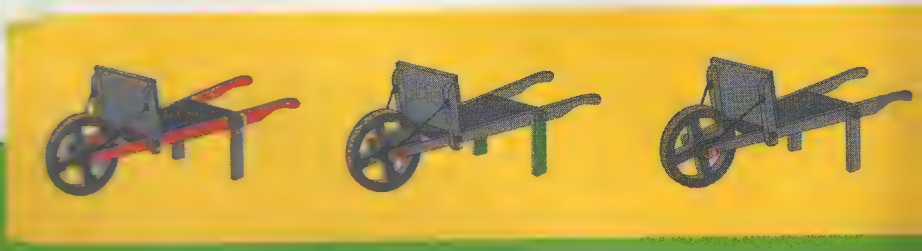
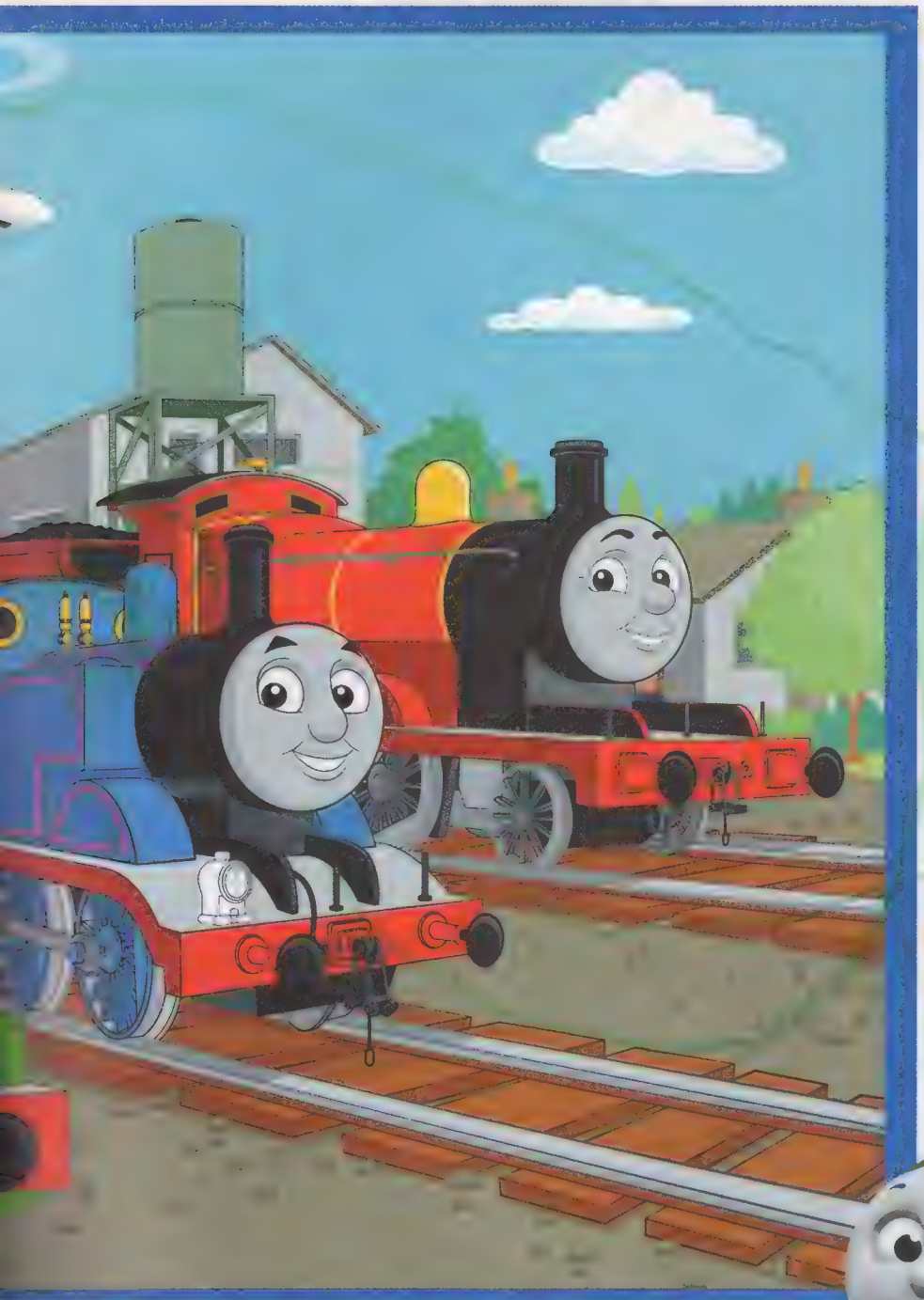
Find the close-ups in the picture.

Circle the two wheelbarrows that are the same.



Parent Note
This activity helps develop observation and cognitive skills.

Color in a check mark for each one you find.



It's a busy, snowy day for Percy, Thomas, and James! Look at pictures A and B. Find 6 differences in picture B.

A

Answers - don't peek! 1. A snowball is missing; 2. Percy's lamp is on; 3. A cloud is gone 4. James has steam coming from his funnel; 5. Thomas' second whistle is hidden from sight; 6 The lantern is in the picture!

Parent Note:
Looking and finding specific things and words can help sharpen observation skills.

B

Color a star for each difference you find.

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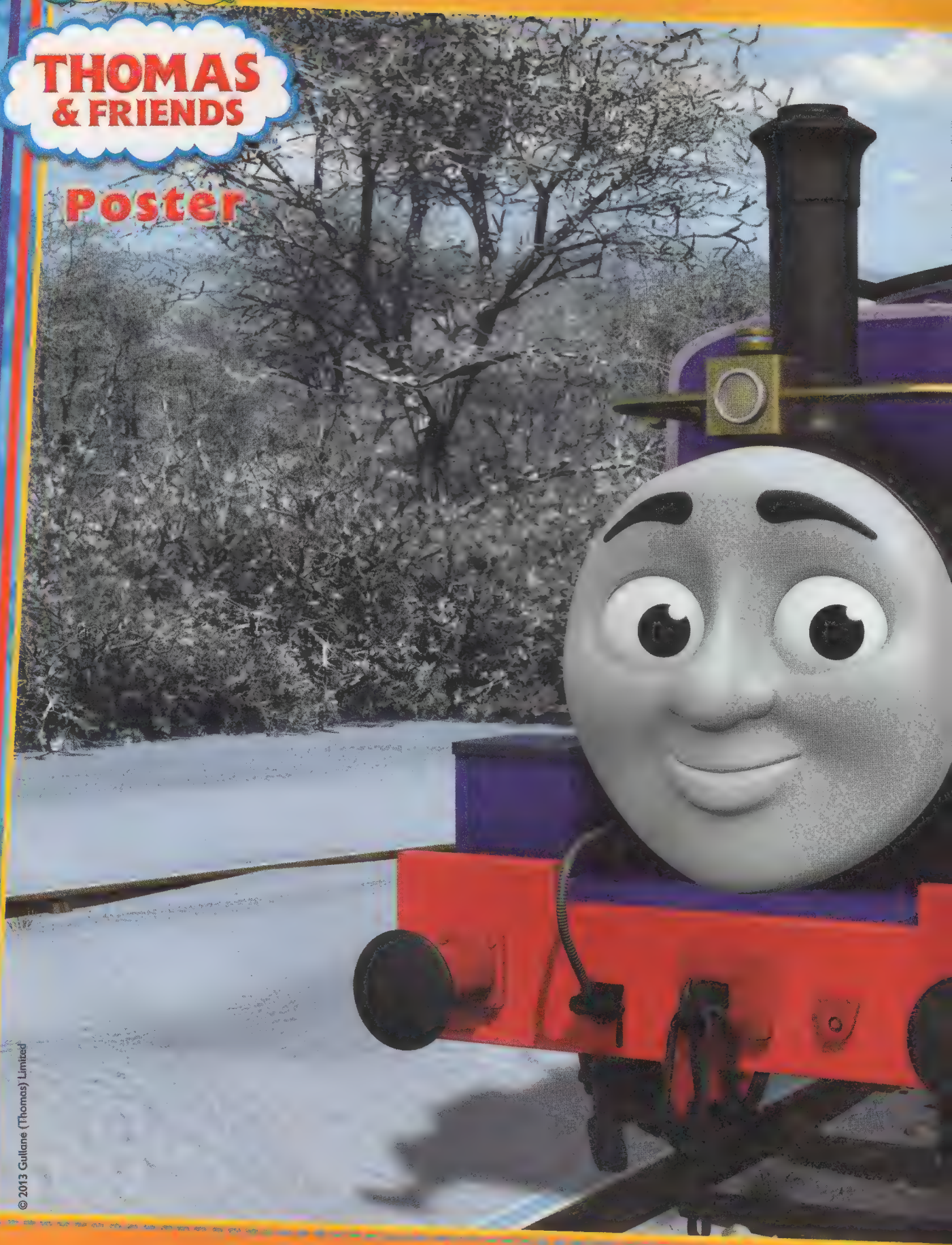

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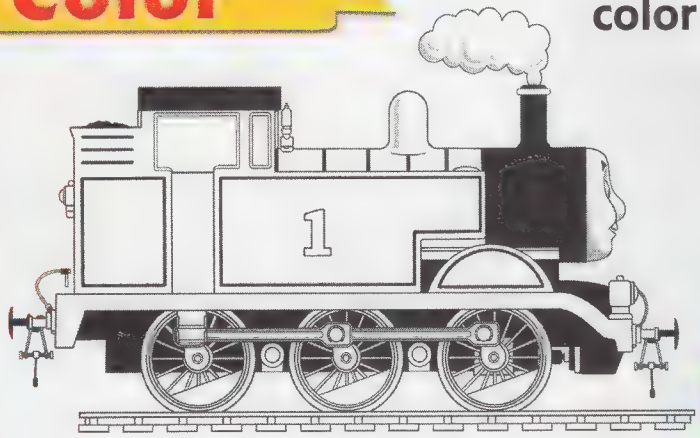
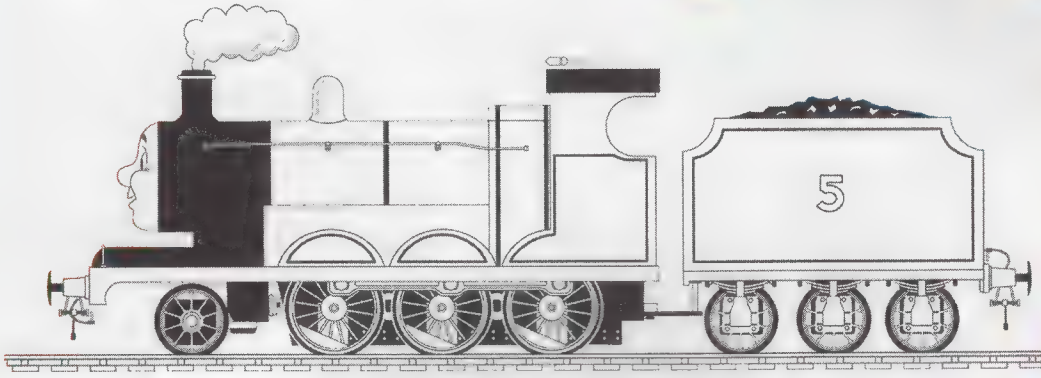
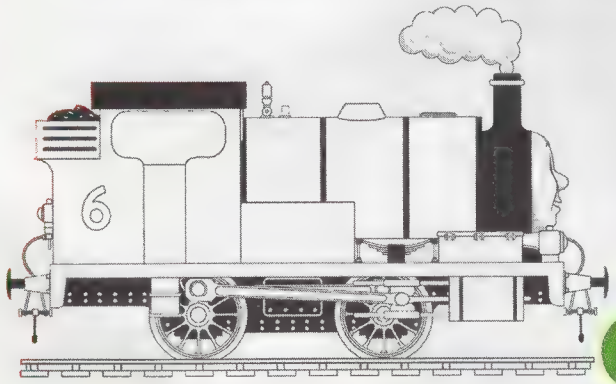
Here comes Charlie!

Color

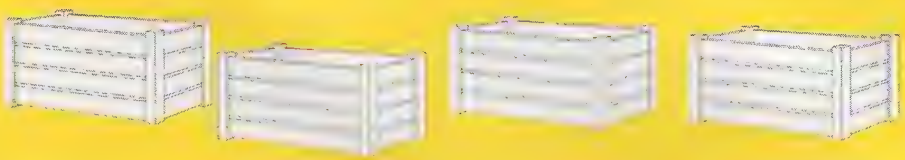
Everyone is busy on Sodor! Match each black and white engine to its colored image by tracing the correct tracks. Then, color all the engines in.







Color 2 crates red. How many are left? Write the number in the box.



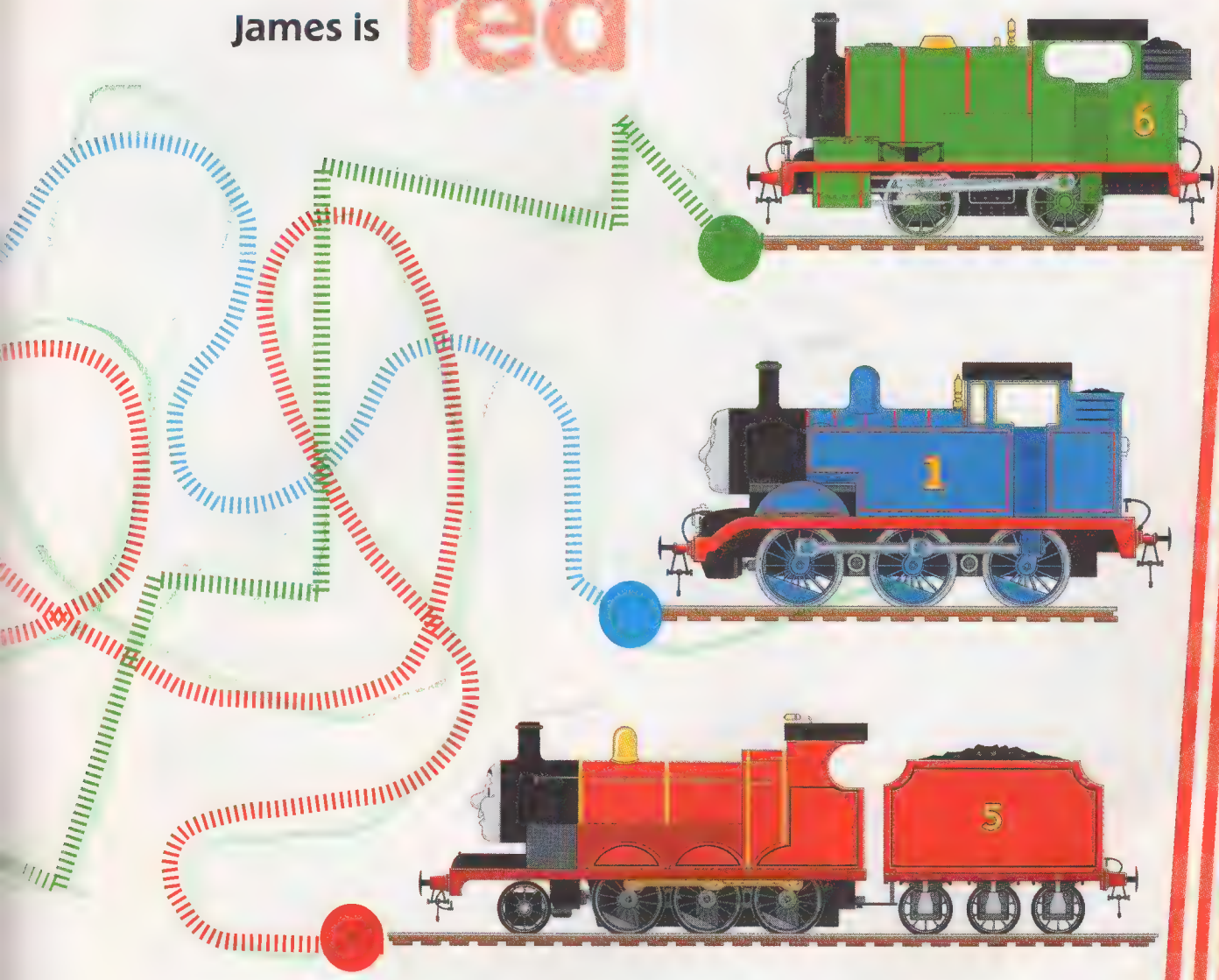
Parent Note:
Coloring and tracing paths helps strengthen fine motor skills and color identification.

Thomas is **blue**

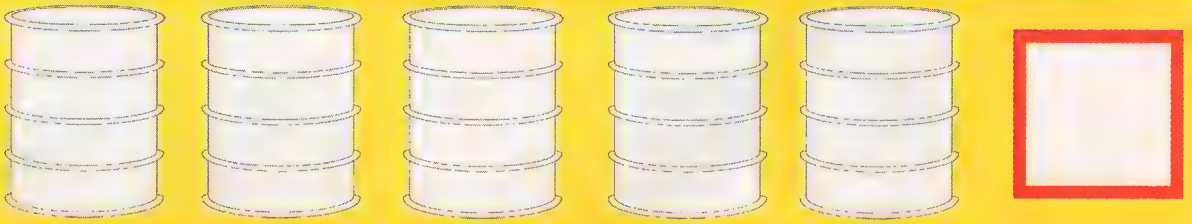
Percy is **green**

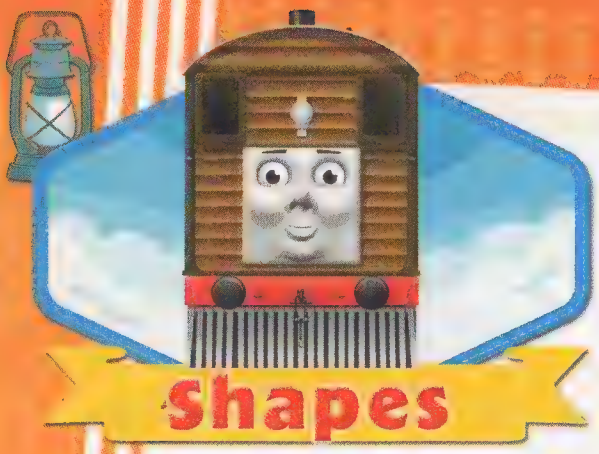
James is **red**

Trace over the color names.



Color 4 oil drums **blue**. How many are left? Write the number in the box.





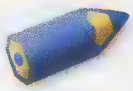
Toby is busy too! Here are some shape activities for you to help him with.

Count the number of sides on each of these shapes.

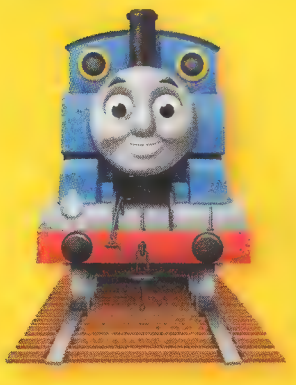
triangle

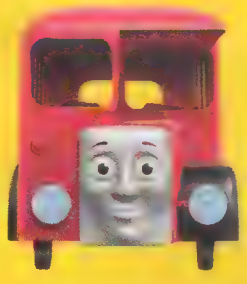
square

hexagon



Draw lines to **match** each character to its shadow.





Parent Note
The Sodor Valley develops shape recognition and fine motor skills

Which of these sentences are true and which is false?

This sign is a rectangle.

true ☐ false ☐

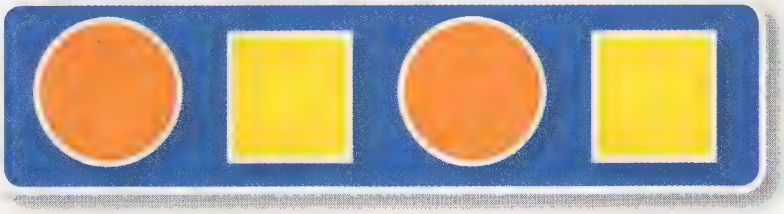
Toby has a square face.

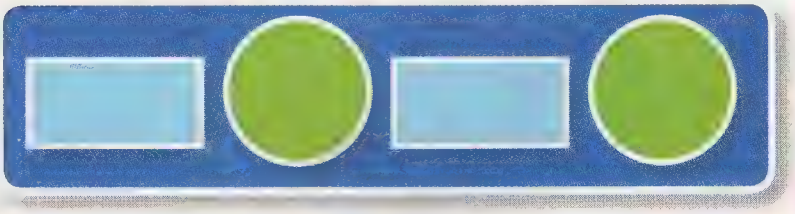
true ☐ false ☐

Gordon's face is a triangle shape.

true ☐ false ☐

Which shape comes next in each of the sequences below? Draw the correct shape in the box.



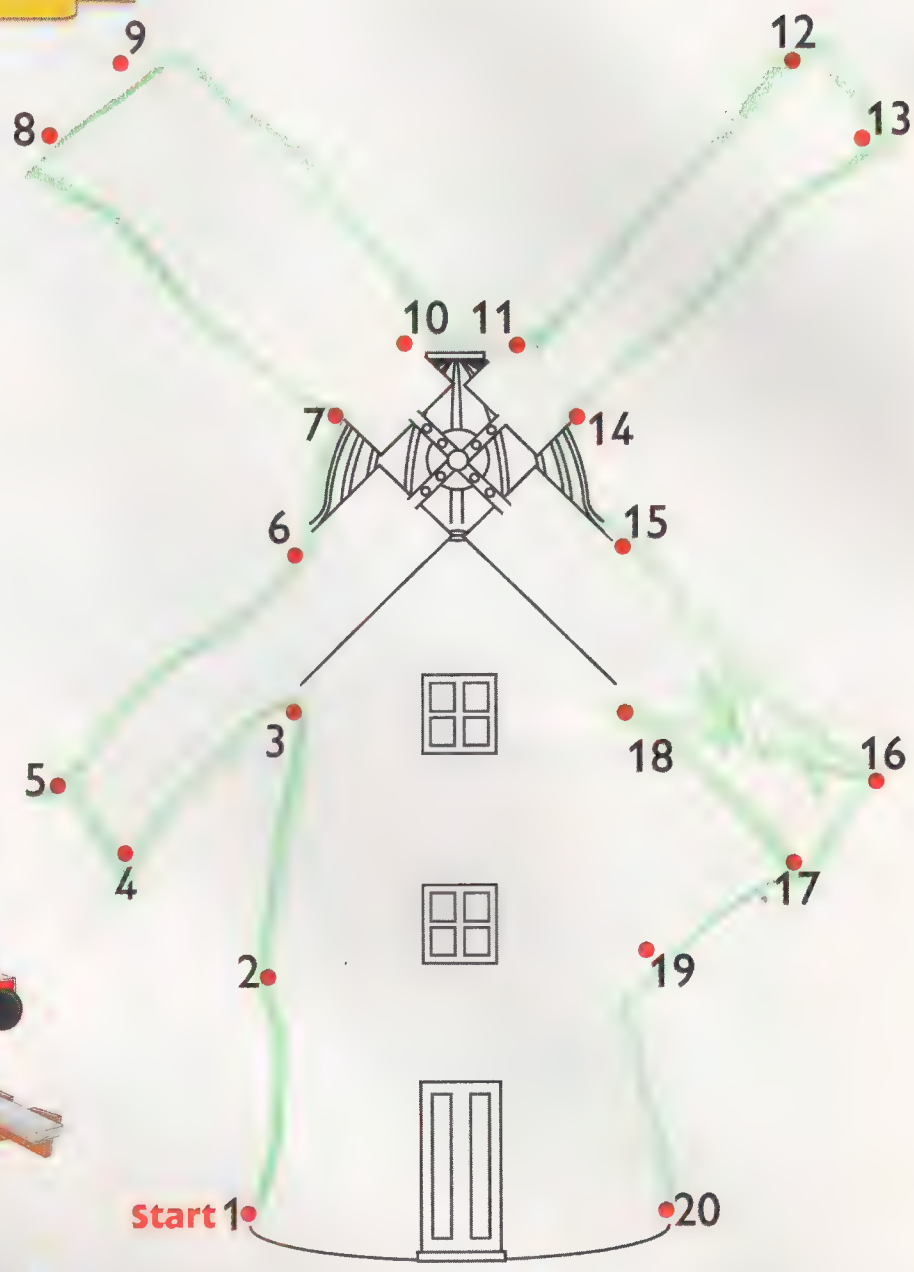


1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

Follow

Starting at 1, connect the dots to find out what Thomas saw during his busy day. Then color in the picture!

Use the number line above if you need help.

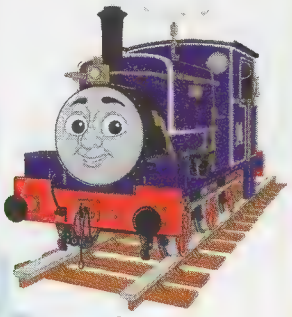


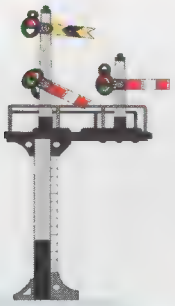
Draw a path through the cones for Thomas. Try not to touch the cones!

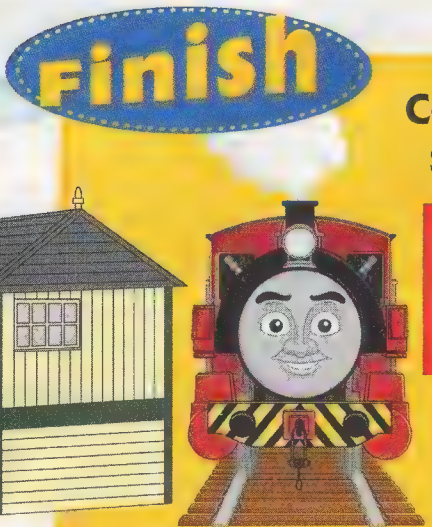
Parent Note:
Following a path or number sequence helps children with cognitive skills and counting.

Help Luke meet Victor! Trace over the correct path in the maze.

Name the engine Luke met on his way to Victor.







Count the signals.

Write the number in the box.

Check the box if you found all of the lanterns hidden in your workbook!

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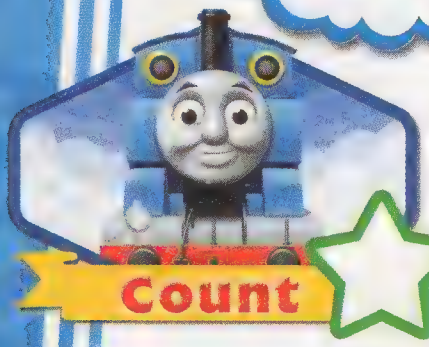


Count

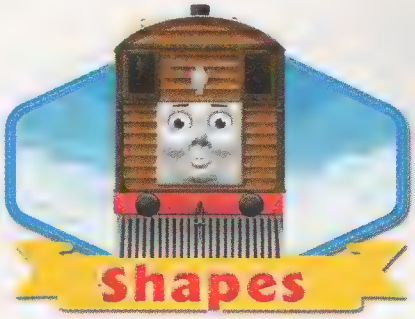
Busy Engines workbook

Color in the star for each activity you have completed!

Color

Look

Find



Shapes

Follow

congratulations!

You have finished your THOMAS & FRIENDS workbook.

Write your name here.

You're Number 1!

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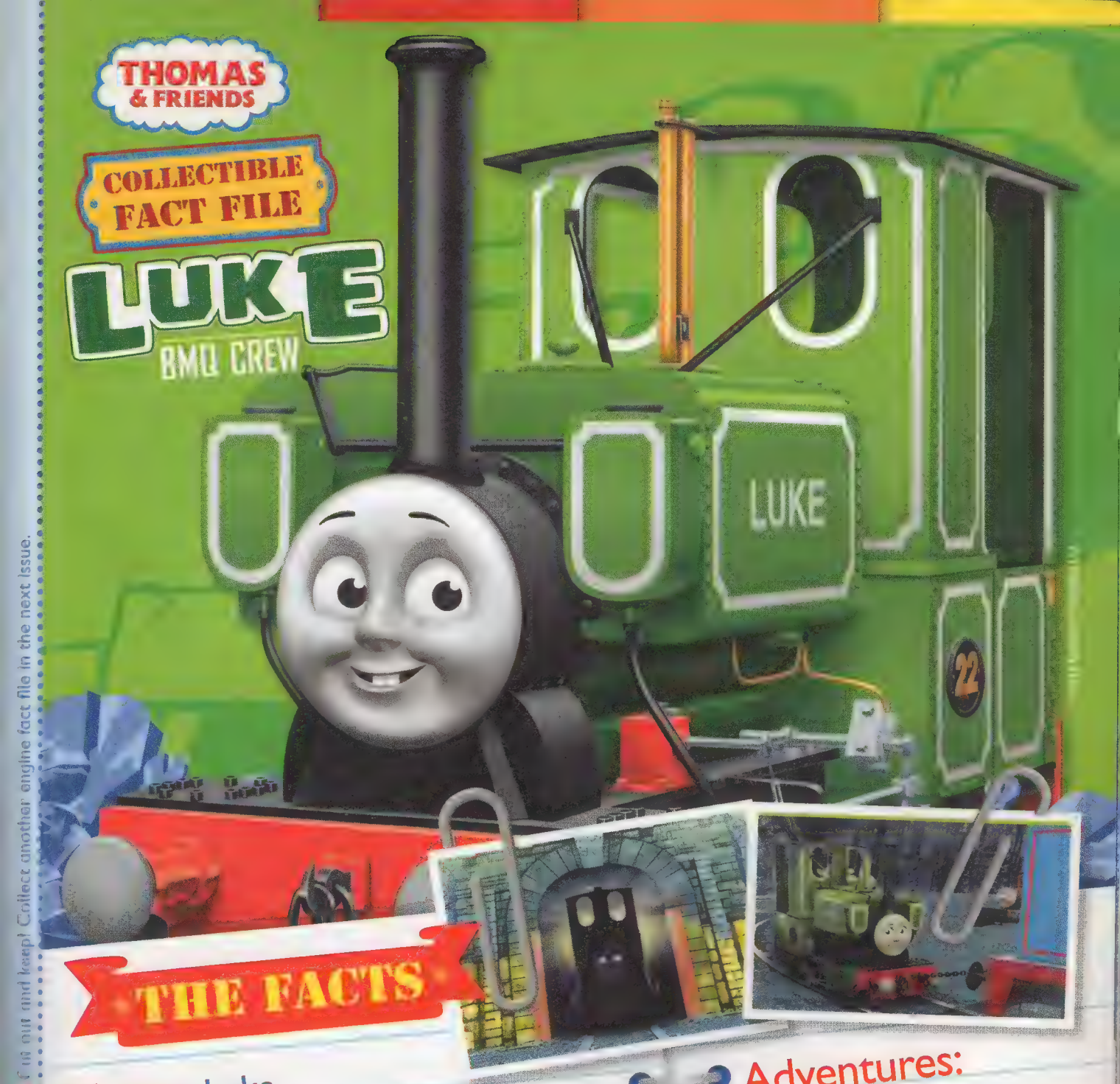
COLLECTIBLE FACT FILE

LUKE

BMQ CREW



THE FACTS

Name: Luke

Type: Narrow gauge engine

Color: Green

Known for: Loving his work

Did you know? Luke used to hide because he blamed himself for knocking Victor into the sea!

Adventures:

Luke is only little but he can be very brave. He once pulled Thomas to safety when he was about to fall off a cliff!

Cut out and keep! Collect another engine fact file in the next issue.

TRACKSIDE TALE

On with the Show!

Once upon a time on the Island of Sodor

Luke was working hard at the Blue Mountain Quarry. He was very excited. A big fair was planned for everyone near the Quarry that weekend. There would be a merry-go-round, a big ferris wheel, and lots of swings and slides for the children to play on. He couldn't wait to see their smiling faces!

The night before the fair, the workers noticed some tracks near the Quarry were badly damaged and were too weak to hold engines carrying the heavy fair rides. "We don't want anyone to get hurt," said Sir Topham Hatt to his staff. "We'll have all the children coming and no rides for them!" The repairmen worked hard all night but there was no way to make the tracks safe in time for the rides to be taken up the mountain for the fair.

When Luke heard the news, he was very sad. There would be no merry-go-round, no big ferris wheel, no swings or slides for the children to play on.

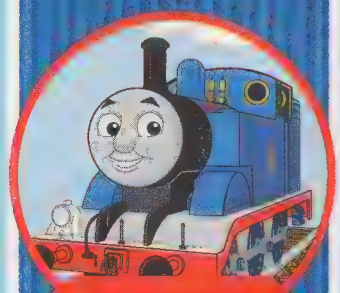
"There has to be a way for us to give the children a good show," Luke thought, puffing sadly around the Quarry. Then he had an idea! He told Sir Topham Hatt. "What a splendid plan!"

he boomed with delight. When the children arrived, everything was ready.

Thomas picked up the children from Tidmouth Junction. "Where are we going?" they asked. "You'll see!" smiled Thomas. Since the tracks were not fixed yet Thomas had Bertie take them to the Blue Mountain Quarry. "Welcome to the Blue Mountain Fair!" peeped Luke. "There are enough rides for everyone! Come and join the fun!"

Owen, the incline traction engine, lifted trucks full of children up and down the steep quarry incline. "I can see for miles!" cried the children at the top. Merrick, the sleepy crane, had a giant swing hanging from his hook. He gently moved from side to side as children laughed and giggled. Thomas took carriages full of children onto the Quarry turntable and spun them around and around!

Finally, all the Narrow Gauge Engines gave train rides around the Quarry. The train rides were the most popular ride of all, especially Luke, who all the children loved! "I hope this makes up for the village fair," he peeped. "It's the best fair ever!" the children beamed. When Luke saw all the smiling faces, that made him a very happy engine.



PROJECT

Let's Make Rain!

You'll need:

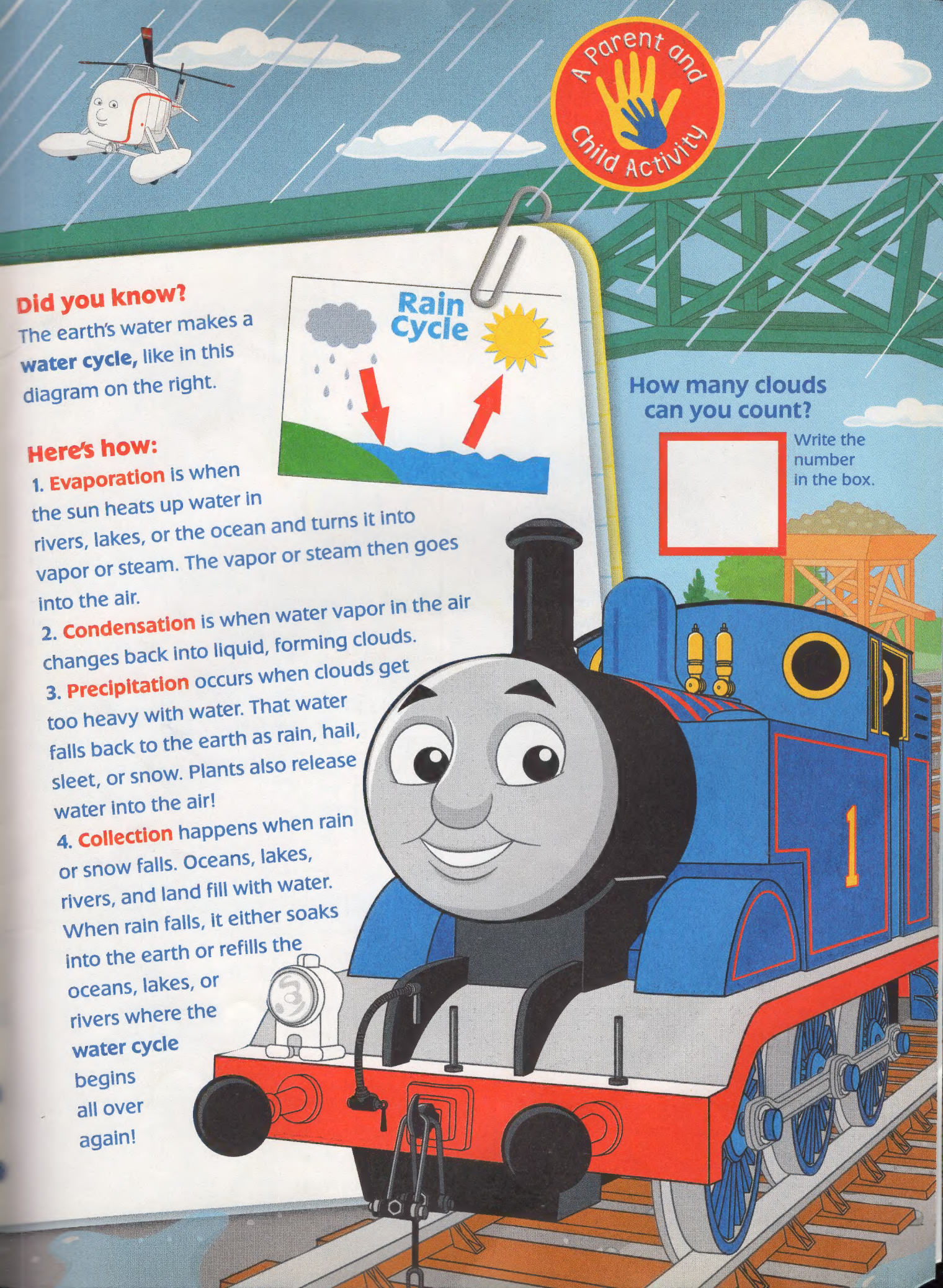
Water, a small clear glass or jar, some plastic cling wrap, a rubber band, towel, ice cubes

Here's how:

1. Fill a drinking glass or glass jar halfway with water. Put the plastic cling wrap on top of the glass and secure it with a rubber band.

2. Place your glass in the refrigerator until little beads of water form on the plastic wrap. After an hour or so, take it out of the refrigerator and put it on a table.

3. As the water inside the glass warms up, it will start to 'rain'!



Did you know?

The earth's water makes a **water cycle,** like in this diagram on the right.

Here's how:

1. **Evaporation** is when the sun heats up water in rivers, lakes, or the ocean and turns it into vapor or steam. The vapor or steam then goes into the air.
2. **Condensation** is when water vapor in the air changes back into liquid, forming clouds.
3. **Precipitation** occurs when clouds get too heavy with water. That water falls back to the earth as rain, hail, sleet, or snow. Plants also release water into the air!
4. **Collection** happens when rain or snow falls. Oceans, lakes, rivers, and land fill with water. When rain falls, it either soaks into the earth or refills the oceans, lakes, or rivers where the **water cycle** begins all over again!

How many clouds can you count?

Write the number in the box.

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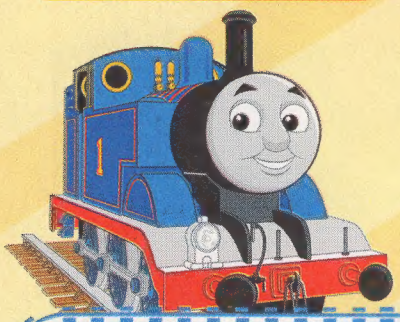

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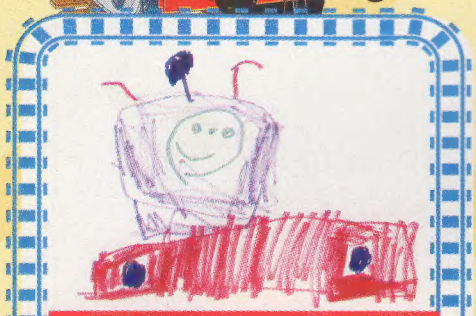

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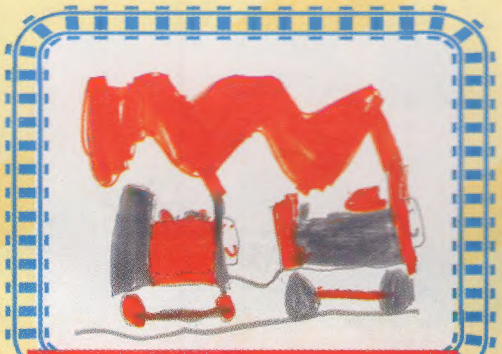

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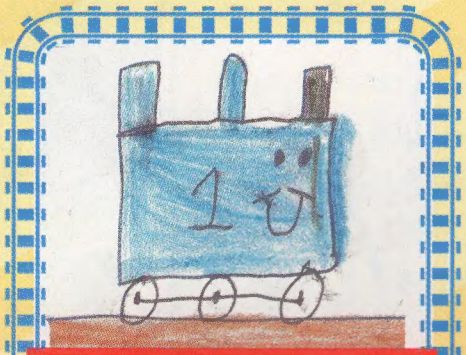

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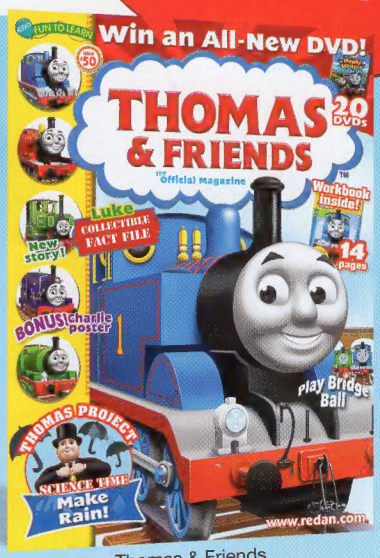

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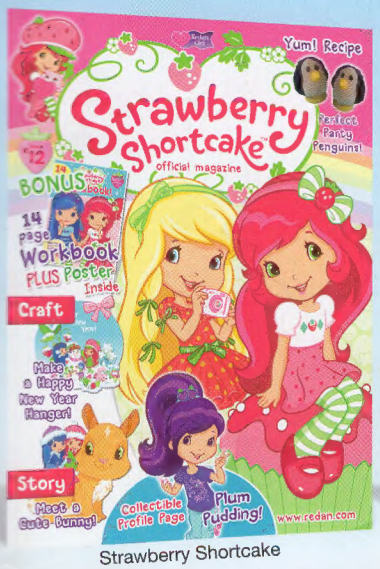

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